



## Lancaster Sheriff's Station

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# Press Release

**Leroy D. Baca, Sheriff**

Classification:	ARSON SUSPECTS ARRESTED	Incident Date:	06-17-10
Author / Date / Time:	Deputy Michael Rust/06-24-10	Incident Time:	2200

Incident Location:	43300 BLK 16 <sup>TH</sup> STREET WEST, LANCASTER
C/P Location:	

Victim(s):		Suspect(s):	

### Narrative:

Deputies assigned to the Lancaster Community Appreciation Program, LANCAP team, arrested two juveniles after the pair admitted to starting fires inside two vacant apartments at the location.

The deputies were at the location (a large apartment complex) conducting an investigation into the two recent fires. Their investigation led them to the two juveniles (ages sixteen and seventeen) who live at the complex. After questioning the pair, they both admitted to being inside the vacant apartments and setting the fires. One of the juveniles told the deputies that they had entered the apartments to "hang out" and then decided to start the fires.

He also told the deputies that he had hid two laptop computers inside the oven of one of the apartments. The Deputies located the laptops and discovered that they had both been stolen during two recent burglaries within the complex. The pair denied stealing the computers, but admitted that they knew that they were stolen.

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Both of the juveniles were arrested and transported to Sylmar Juvenile Hall. They will face charges of, burglary, arson and possession of stolen property.

Both of the apartments received only minor damage as a result of the fires.

Approved by: Lt. Stewart  
MR:mr

Anyone with information about this crime is encouraged to contact the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, **Lancaster Station at (661) 948-8466**.

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